

WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

(Letters addressed to Professor Massey must have stamp enclosed for answer.)

Thursday, March 19, 1914.



W. F. Massey

Yellow Corn for Seed.
Appomattox County: "I would like to have the advice of Professor Massey in regard to planting yellow corn. I have some early maturing yellow corn that I wish to plant on land that is now in vetch and oats, which I wish to save for hay, and land that I wish to plant before the middle of June. No one in this section plants yellow corn. Is there any objection to growing yellow corn here? What variety can you recommend? Will it hurt the corn if I plant pole beans with it to save poles? What variety of pole beans will do? What kind of sweet potatoes will suit best here for stock feed?"

The only objection to the yellow corn is that if you are planting near your neighbors who grow white corn, you will mix their corn and make it less marketable. Then I cannot see any particular advantage in growing yellow corn in a white corn section. It is of no more advantage in growing than white corn. The Early Mastodon will probably meet your wishes, but you can plant the Hickory King white corn that I have been and make an improvement in the old Dutch Caseknick, and make a good dry bean. The best sweet potato for stock in your section will be the Hayman, also known as Southern Queen.

One-Sided Manuring.
"I have a large garden on which for the past six years I have spread a heavy coat of stable manure three times and have turned under clover twice and cowpung once. I have also spread hen manure three times and thirty bushels of ashes an acre. Last fall made another coat of stable manure and two sacks of kainit on potatoes. Please tell me what is the best fertilizer to use this year. Soil a rather stiff loam, not hard clay. Last year tomatoes rotted badly, and I have gotten an excess of nitrogen in proportion to the mineral plant foods. Make a mixture of four parts 15 per cent acid phosphate and one part sulfate of potash, and apply it at rate of 1,000 pounds an acre. That is just what I do in my garden after covering with manure. This will balance the plant food in the soil and make your vegetables mature and yield much better."

Starting to Farm.
"I have been reading your articles in the Times-Dispatch, and have become greatly interested in the great educational work you are doing. I wish some information about fertilizers, for I am ignorant of many articles and I want to know what our Southern farmers have spent millions of dollars in commercial fertilizers that did very little good. I have been in the field and timber land for many years, and now I want to try some farming, and am at a loss how to start on the right scale. I have a farm near Butterworth, Va., of 350 acres, 150 of them cleared and ready for cultivation, and I want much improvement in the soil. I have one man to raise cured tobacco and two others to grow corn and peanuts, and now I want to know about the kind, quantity and place to buy fertilizers.
"Land all high, dry and gravelly or light sandy. Have noted your formula for tobacco and peanuts, and would like to know what they cost, and where they can be had. Expect to plant fifteen to twenty acres in tobacco and twenty acres in peanuts, with forty acres in corn, and a few acres in clover and alfalfa. I have tried to fish out of your rather long letter what is essential to answer. You have the formulas for the tobacco fertilizer, which you can use from 500 to 700 pounds an acre, and the amount per acre for peanuts is also given. Now what these things will cost in your section, I am unable to say, for prices vary with freights. Any of the fertilizer manufacturers or dealers in Richmond should be able and willing to furnish the materials, and I cannot advertise any here. Many manufacturers are standing in their own light in being unwilling to sell materials for home mixing, but I suppose any of them will make up the formulas for you in any amount. Corn on clover sod will need only acid phosphate at rate of 400 pounds an acre."

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SINISTER NOTE IN ULSTER NEWS

Active Preparations for Armed Conflict Being Made by Both Sides.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, March 18.—Today's news from Ulster is a sinister note, and there is no doubt that active preparations for armed conflict are being made by both sides.
Carrying out the orders from the British War Office, all of the barracks and magazines in Ulster are surrounded night and day by a strong cordon of sentries, who carry fixed bayonets and loaded rifles. The Aghamah barracks, one of the best known now under guard, contains 10,000 rifles and more than 500,000 rounds of ammunition, as well as two Maxim guns. Similar stores are kept at Enniskillen barracks, which are also guarded.

The arms for the Ulster volunteers are not stored in bulk, but are hidden in small quantities and in places known only to a trusted few. The quality and temper of the volunteers is also impressive. The military correspondent of the London Times, Colonel Hepington, who wrote:
"If they are not let alone they will fight. They may fight well, or they may fight ill, but they will fight."
It is felt in Belfast that an outbreak will surely result from any overt act by the civil authorities, who are keeping a strict surveillance on the republicans. Even the leaders of the opposition are being shadowed, and the authorities are planning to raid the Ulster headquarters.

UNEASINESS IS FELT FOR MISSING SCHOONER

Norfolk, Va., March 18.—Increasing uneasiness was felt here tonight for the four-masted schooner Elisha Atkins, last sighted five days ago in distress off the Virginia coast. The revenue cutter Onondaga has been searching ineffectually for the Atkins for forty-eight hours.

FOUR MEN ARE HELD, SUSPECTED OF MURDER

Charlotte, N. C., March 18.—Jamie Whisman, Zeb Bell, of Blacksburg, S. C., and two other men were held in connection with the death of Sol Williams, an eighteen-year-old negro, who was killed at Kings Mountain last night by a bullet, which entered the back of his neck, severed a jugular vein and an artery, and lodged in the eye. Two shots were heard but neither the negro nor any one else on foot could be seen by officers who hurried to the scene, searched an automobile in which who had motored over from Blacksburg, S. C., last evening to attend a carnival. In the machine was found a .32-caliber pistol, the size of the bullet which, at a post-mortem examination, was extracted from the body of Williams. With two empty chambers, which officers said had been fired a few minutes before. A similar pistol is said to have been borrowed at Blacksburg by Deck Fulton, a member of the party, who testified before a grand jury that he gave the pistol to Zeb Bell before reaching Kings Mountain, and saw no more of it. Deck Fulton, who testified an alibi, was bound to court as a witness.

LAYMEN IN CONVENTION.

Enthusiastic Meeting Saw in Progress at Durham.

Durham, N. C., March 18.—The Baptist Laymen's Convention is being attended at every session by over 100 all the church. To-day's program was the best of the series. The feature of the morning session was an address by Dr. W. L. Poteat, an argument for carrying business into religion and religion into business.
The convention this afternoon unanimously passed a resolution favoring a law to prohibit the shipping of liquor from the State. The resolution was adopted, and was seized and acted on immediately.
The convention was presided over tonight by Governor Craig, who also spoke on "Christianity and Government."

In Grasp of "Gas Trust."

Washington, March 18.—Millions of natural gas users in the Middle West are in the grip of a "gas trust," according to Senator Richard D. Russell, representative of Missouri. To-day they asked the House Interstate Commerce Committee to investigate the lines under Interstate Commerce Commission control.

Eleventh Cavalry Wins Again.

Camden, S. C., March 18.—The Eleventh Cavalry polo team today defeated the Camden B team, 13 to 6. In the first match of the Southern circuit cup, The Aiken, South Carolina, team will meet the Camden team Friday in the second game of the Southern circuit cup series.

Yankees Lose to Hungarians.

Houston, Texas, March 18.—The Houston Texas League club defeated the New York American regulars today 5 to 3. Score:
Houston: R. H. E. 5 3 3
New York: R. H. E. 3 5 3
Batteries—Hay, Ware and S. Allen, Peaches; Caldwell, McFalls and Reynolds.

Gardner Loses First Game.

New York, March 18.—W. Gardner, of New York, suffered his first loss in the national amateur billiard championship tournament, tonight, and as a result is tied with his conqueror, J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, of New York, for first place, with four wins and one loss each. Poggenburg made his 400 points in 32 innings, while his opponent scored 365.

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